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Serial No.: 09/779,689)	RWJ 97-40
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Filed: February 8, 2001)	RWJ 94-43
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For: THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC METHODS FOR ULCERATIVE COLITIS AND ASSOCIATED DISORDERS)	RWJ 99-04
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AFFIDAVIT OF KIRON M. DAS

PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. & 1.132

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

I, Kiron M. Das, hereby declare, subject to penalty of perjury, that:

I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein. If called as a witness I could and
Would competently testify to the following.

1. I am a medical doctor and I have been involved in the research of inflammatory bowel disease for over 20 years.
2. My current position is Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

3. I have reviewed U.S. Patent Application No. 09/779,689 entitled "Therapeutic And Diagnostic Methods For Ulcerative Colitis And Associated Disorders" filed February 8, 2001.

Unequivocal Statement of Inventorship

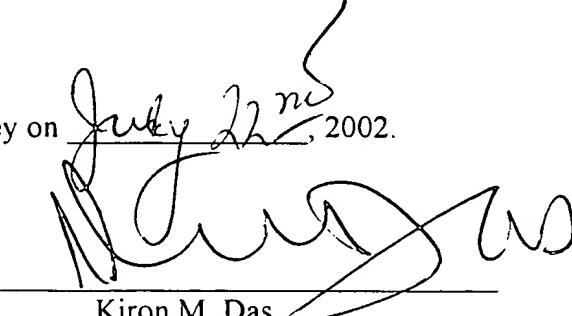
4. I am the named inventor of the 09/779,689 patent application.

5. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter of Claims 1-15 of application Serial No. 09/779,689.

6. I am the sole inventor of the disclosure in the Kesari et al. (Clin. Exp. Immunol. 1999; 118:219-227) publication which might, in whole or in part, disclose or suggest the subject matter of claims 1-15 in application Serial No. 09/779,689.

7. I hereby further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and, further, that these statements are made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of United States Application No. 09/779,689.

Signed at New Brunswick, New Jersey on July 22nd, 2002.



Kiron M. Das